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Gerhard EDLER

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LASER-MARKABLE PLASTICS AND THEIR PREPARATION AND USE

REQUEST OR PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the Notice of Abandonment of the above-identified application mailed September 9, 2004, be withdrawn.

The Notice states that the application was abandoned due to the failure of applicants to pay the Issue Fee in response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85). However, applicants did pay the Issue and Publication fees before the due date. Attached is a copy of the PTO's OIPE receipt stamped postcard acknowledging PTO receipt of applicant's payment of the Issue and Publication fees on April 13, 2004. Also attached is a copy of the check for such payment and the back of such check indicating its crediting to the PTO. Further, attached is a copy of the filing log of applicants' representative for April 13, 2004, showing filing of the Issue and Publication fees paper and check in payment by delivery to the PTO window.

The original Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed January 21, 2004, and a Corrected Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed May 5, 2004. (The corrected notice was apparently in response to applicant's request for a copy of a missing initially PTO-1449 form.) Whether the due date is calculated from the original notice or the corrected notice, applicants paid the Issue and Publication fees before either due date, i.e., on April 13, 2004, before the April 21 or August 5, 2004, due dates.

It is submitted, accordingly, that applicants' payment of the required fees was lost or otherwise not acknowledged by the PTO through no fault of applicants. Therefore, the Notice of Abandonment should be withdrawn and the application forwarded for issuance.

Although it is not believed that fees are required for this Request, the undersigned hereby authorizes charging to Deposit Account No. 13-3402 any fees required for granting this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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